



The Watchdog

Fresno's Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

September 2009

Presented by the FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Contact Numbers

Report Crime:

Police Emergency.....9-1-1
Non-Emergency.....621-7000
Crime Stoppers.....498-STOP
Graffiti Hotline.....621-TAGS

Policing Districts:

Southwest District...621-6100
Central District.....621-6200
Southeast District...621-6300
Northeast District...621-6400
Northwest District...621-6500

Crime Prevention:

If you need information about securing your home and property, personal safety, starting a Neighborhood Watch, etc... please contact your district Crime Prevention Officer.

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For assistance with neighborhood problems that are not crime related please call the City of Fresno One Call Center.....621-2489

Crime Prevention Tip of the Month



Knock, Knock Who's there?

Never open your door to anyone you don't know, or aren't expecting. Don't be fooled by tricksters with bad intentions. Many home invasion robberies are committed by someone pretending to be a service provider, salesperson, citizen in distress, or even a law enforcement officer. Security screens provide excellent protection, and allow you to talk to people without putting yourself in direct contact with them. All front doors should have wide angle viewers (peep holes) to allow you to see the whole area around your door. If you have any doubts about the validity of the person at your door ask them to hold up their ID to the viewer or a window. If you still have doubts call the police right away. If someone asks for help, offer to call for the assistance they require. Do NOT let them in!

Back to School



Remember kids are back in school now. Many children walk to school without adult supervision, creating a dangerous situation. Children can be reckless and impulsive, and often dash across the street without looking. This is why it is very important to obey the speed limits in school zones and residential areas.

If you have children, it is best to drive or walk them to school yourself. This will keep your children safe from dangers such as traffic hazards, bullying and child predators. If you cannot escort your child, be sure to teach them everything they need to know to stay safe from the dangers cited above. Do not allow them to walk alone. Use the buddy system.



Upcoming meetings and community events...

Southwest District:

*Southwest Neighborhood Watch Association Meeting
When-Sept. 17th, 6:00pm
Where-Carver School NRC
2463 Martin Luther King, Rm 27
Contact: Michele Shockley 621-6126

*Block Party hosted by BBNBL and Providence Comm. Baptist Church
Where-2202 S. Walnut
When-Sept. 19th, 10am-2pm
Contact-Pam King Ph: 824-3661

*Block Party hosted by BBNBL and Second Baptist Church
Where-1041 E. Jensen
When-Sept. 26th, 10am-2pm
Contact- Ross and Clara Smith
Ph: 824-7650

Central District:

*Central Neighborhood Watch Association Meeting
Where-Ted C. Wills Community Ctr
770 N. San Pablo
When-Sept. 08, 5:30-7pm

*Block Party sponsored by Citibank
Where-3141 N. Cedar
When-Sept. 23, 6-8pm

*SAVE THE DATE
Central Neighborhood Watch Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner
Where-Ted C. Wills Community Ctr
770 N. San Pablo
When-November 10th, 7-9pm

Southeast District:

*Kids Day at Mosqueda Center
Where-Mosqueda Community Center
When-Sept. 12th, 11am-4pm

*Southeast Neighborhood Watch Association Meeting
Where-4884 E. Butler
When-Sept. 17th, 6:00pm

Church Crime Prevention Seminar

On August 19th, approximately seventy citizens from Fresno, Clovis and other cities around the valley, some from as far away as Yosemite National Park, gathered at The Bridge Church in Northeast Fresno. All of these people had one common thread; a desire to learn more about crime prevention in churches. Many were pastors, or members of their church security teams. Others were law enforcement personnel, who have a professional and personal interest in church crime prevention.

The seminar was opened by Fresno Police Chief, Jerry Dyer, who spoke on the importance of target hardening in houses of worship. He recognized that a high percentage of most church congregations are made of up our most trusting and vulnerable citizens; children and seniors.

The keynote speaker for the seminar, Dan Keller from The American Crime Prevention Institute, engaged the audience with his southern charm, while giving a thorough presentation. He explained all of the different ways, and whys, that churches are often easy targets for criminals. Topics such as physical security, financial security, and the protection of children and youth were discussed. The audience participated by asking questions and sharing their own personal experiences with crime.

A free luncheon was co-sponsored by the Fresno Police Department Chaplaincy and the Fresno Police Neighborhood Watch Association. Seminar attendees socialized and networked, while enjoying delicious barbequed cheeseburgers and various side dishes. Members of the AmeriCorps Safe and Proud Neighborhoods program assisted with the luncheon by helping to set up and serve the food.

This event was a collaborative between the Fresno Police Department's crime prevention team and the American Crime Prevention Institute, which is based in Louisville, Kentucky. All of the Crime Prevention Officers worked diligently to make the event a success. Special thanks are owed to Nathan Freeland, director of business and operations at The Bridge Church, who generously donated the use of the church facilities for the event. He was also our "technical" expert the day of the seminar.

Overall the seminar was a big success. The attendees left with lots of information, tools, and contacts they can use to make their churches much safer from anyone with criminal intentions.

Community Events cont.

Northeast District:

***Northeast Neighborhood Watch
Association Meeting
Where-Northeast Substation-
Teague/Cedar
When-Sept.30, 6:00pm**

Northwest District:

***Northwest Neighborhood Watch
Association Meeting
When-Sept.09, 7:00pm
Where-Northwest Police
Substation/3789 N Hughes
Contact: Linda Sigler 621-6537**

Message from the Chief



With back to school time our community's children are busy learning the names and faces of new friends and teachers alike. Our agency is undergoing the same kind of shift with a reorganization that has just taken place. During the week of September 1st our agency saw the movement of 16 Lieutenants, 6 Captains and 4 Deputy Chiefs.

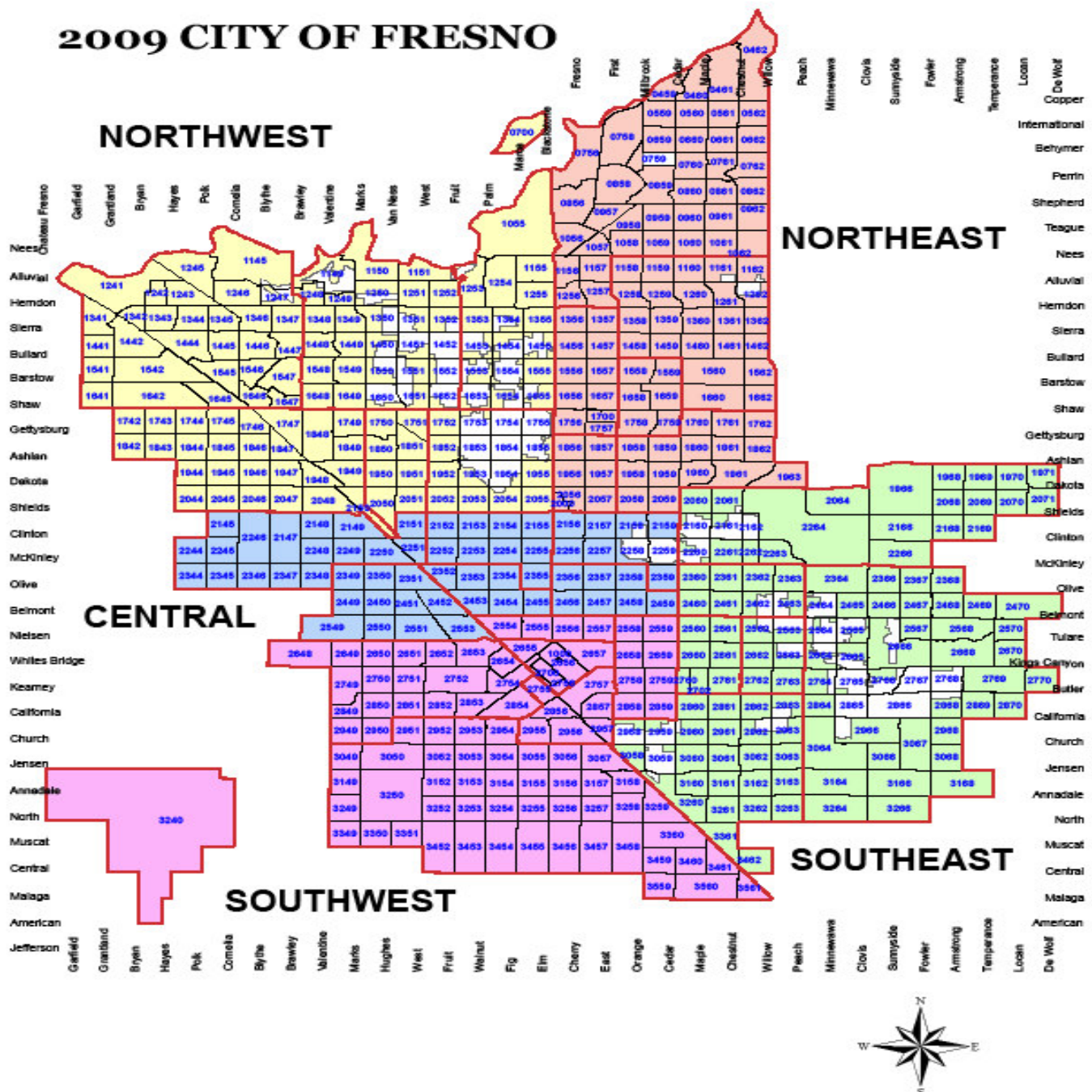
The Commanders are Captain Greg Garner in the Southwest District, Captain Dennis Bridges in the Central District, Captain Randy Dobbins in the Southeast District, Captain Al Maroney in the Northeast District and Captain David Belluomini in the Northwest District.

Please take the time to welcome the new faces you see and introduce yourself. The District Commanders, Assistant District Commanders and Field Commanders all look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Crime Statistics within the City of Fresno July 30, 2009 – August 27, 2009

Part One Crimes	Southwest District	Central District	Southeast District	Northeast District	Northwest District	City Totals
Homicide	0	3	3	0	2	8
Robbery	30	17	14	5	20	86
Rape	1	1	0	2	1	5
Aggravated Assault	46	14	21	8	18	107
Burglary	47	76	50	57	81	311
Larceny	136	113	138	231	204	822
Vehicle Burglary	35	26	27	36	46	170
Vehicle Theft	35	48	47	49	44	223

Not sure which policing district you live in?
See map below



For more information on crimes that have occurred in your neighborhood please go to the following website: <http://data.fresnobeehive.com/crime>